

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, and amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Diallo T. Crenshaw (Reg No 52,778) on 03 July 2008.

### **IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 11 and 29 each have three changes, as shown below.

11. (currently amended): A server device which is connected to at least one client device through a network; said server device comprising:

schedule management means for managing relevance between classifications of information and transmission times of the information and relevance between information representing areas and time zones of the respective areas;

request receiving means for receiving, from said at least one client device, a request for transmission of information,

area determination means for determining in which area said at least one client device having sent a request for transmission of information exists;

information providing means for referring to said schedule management means, and for selecting classified information corresponding to a present time in a time zone of the area which is determined by said area determination means, and

information sending means for sending, through the network, the information selected by said information providing means to a predetermined client device which has sent ~~the a~~ request for transmission of the information,

wherein said information providing means further includes counting means for counting a number of client devices which have sent a request for transmission of information and a number of client devices to which said information sending means has sent requested information, according to the classifications of the information, and wherein when said information is updated, said counted number of client devices which have sent said request for transmission of information is reset to an initial value.

Claims 12-28 (canceled).

29. (currently amended) A server device which is connected to at least one client device through a network; said server device comprising:

schedule management means for managing relevance between classifications of information and transmission times of the information and relevance between information representing areas and time zones of the respective areas;

request receiving means for receiving, from said at least one client device, a request for transmission of information;

area determination means for determining in which area said at least one client device having sent a request for transmission of information exists;

information providing means for referring to said schedule management means, and for selecting classified information corresponding to a present time in a time zone of the area which is determined by said area determination means, and

information sending means for sending, through the network, the information selected by said information providing means to a predetermined client device which has sent ~~the a~~ request for transmission of the information,

wherein said information providing means further includes counting means for counting at least a number of client devices to which said information sending means has sent requested information, according to the classifications of the information, and

wherein when said information is updated, said counted number of client devices which have requested said information is reset to an initial value.

30. The server device according to claim 11, further comprising an information storage means for storing the information in advance, and wherein:

the schedule management means manages a relevance between an attribute of the information stored in the information storage means and a transmission time;

the information providing means selects information in which the transmission time is set to a current time in the time zone in the area, which is determined by the area determination means, among the information stored in the information storage means; and

the information sending means sends the information selected by the information providing means to the client device which sends a request for transmission of information prior to the current time and is connected to the server device via a network.

31. The server device according to claim 29, further comprising an information storage means for storing the information in advance, and wherein:

the schedule management means manages a relevance between an attribute of the information stored in the information storage means and a transmission time;

the information providing means selects information in which the transmission time is set to a current time in the time zone in the area, which is determined by the area determination means, among the information stored in the information storage means; and

the information sending means sends the information selected by the information providing means to the client device which sends a request for transmission of information prior to the current time and is connected to the server device via a network.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 11, and 29-31 are allowed in view of the Applicant's arguments (see Applicant's Response, filed 4/8/2008) and the cited prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Bret Dennison whose telephone number is 571-272-3910. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9am-5:30pm Eastern.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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